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## "THE GREAT BULWARKS OF LIBERTY."

There is no more honorable, useful  
and important a position among the  
people than that held by the intelli-  
gent and enterprising weekly news-  
paper of a county. If it does its duty,  
the county-folks learn to regard it as  
their guide, philosopher and friend, and  
it consecrates itself to them in an espe-  
cial sense as their spokesman and ad-  
vocate, with intimate mutual feelings  
and relations of confidence that bind  
them strongly together in sympathy, if  
not always in conviction.

To inform, to warn, to advise, to  
guide, defend and champion the county  
people and their interests are  
among a few of its most ordinary and  
customary functions, and its editor is  
studious and zealous how he and his  
journal may best subserve his con-  
fidence, especially in their public af-  
fairs. The influence and power of the  
weekly paper, if it be otherwise equal  
to the situation, arise from its close  
contact with its readers, and the lat-  
ter are impressed in the degree that the  
editor's daily walk, talk and conversa-  
tion, as well as his weekly articles, give  
assurance of his personal integrity,  
courage, capacity and public spirit. It  
is at such a time as this, when all men  
are more or less studying the issues be-  
fore them and making up their minds  
as to how their influence and ballots  
shall be cast next year, that the week-  
ly journal must be ready with "the  
word in season" that will enlighten and  
convince its readers; and if it be dere-  
lict, indifferent, careless and negligent,  
great harm may ensue to the country,  
the State and the community.

In politics, particularly, the people  
take their cues from their papers. They  
think, feel, talk and finally act, not  
always as their favorite journal may  
urge, for different minds, intelligent and  
independent, are differently affected by  
what they read; yet all are, in some  
measure, aroused to this or that con-  
sideration, at least suggestively, by  
every well put argument, sentiment  
and statement that they read in a  
journal that commands their attention  
and respect; and it thus becomes im-  
perative on all our weekly newspapers,  
now above all other times, to be vigi-  
lant and diligent for right and truth,  
as they believe them; for this is the  
period when the public mind is apt to  
adopt a conviction, or be touched to a  
sentiment, that may inflame enthu-  
siasm and sweep the country.

And a few plain words may convey  
the spark. The modest editor in his  
obscure village, undervaluing himself  
and his paper, may by a magnetic word  
reach the sensitive nerve that the  
great dailies and famous editors, have  
failed to find, the light kindled, and the  
country saved. It is still more than a  
year before the Presidential election  
and the selection of a new Congress will  
occur; but these are often practically  
decided long before the ballots are cast  
to confirm foregone conclusions. The  
present has already inaugurated the  
campaign of 1900, and a multitude of  
inquiries are pressing for popular de-  
termination. Rarely, if ever, have we  
had so many issues, so important, so  
urgent, and the newspaper or person  
who waits for national conventions,  
platforms and nominees is apt to be  
left in more senses than one.

We beg our contemporaries who have  
been waiting, and are still waiting, for  
a date to arrive, or an event to take  
place, before they put themselves on  
the defensive or aggressive. The en-  
tire has been long in the field, and  
there is no time for any Democrat to remain

idle. Up and at them now! It may be  
a long and weary fight, but if we do  
our whole duty with zeal and energy,  
victory will assuredly be ours. Every-  
thing predicts this, and if we fall, it  
will be through our own default;  
through our ignorance of defence, our  
lack of vigor and promptness in aggres-  
sion, or our cowardice in a cause that  
should stir all our manhood to the en-  
counter. The bulwarks of liberty must  
be manned, the flag of freedom must  
float proudly and defiantly above us,  
and we must conquer, or perish!

## CUBANS OPPOSED TO ANNEXA- TION.

But a week or so ago, the Washing-  
ton Post had correspondence and edi-  
torials insisting that all the moneyed,  
intelligent and respectable inhabitants  
of Cuba, Spanish and Cuban, were en-  
gaged for the annexation of the island to  
the United States, or remain in provin-  
cial or military subjection to our au-  
thority. It was said that without some  
strong hand to rule the people, disorder  
and violence would prevail, life and  
property would not be safe, brigandage  
would be rife, and consequently all the  
better classes in the island were op-  
posed to an independent Republic which  
would be sure to fall into the hands of  
the bullies and ruffians of the so-called  
Cuban army and its lawless followers.  
In the Washington Post of a few days  
since appeared an interview with an  
intelligent New Yorker at Chamberlin's,  
who had recently visited Cuba, which  
is reported as follows by the Post:

"Two weeks ago I was in Havana,"  
said Mr. R. J. Spicer, of New York, at  
Chamberlin's, "and I thought I'd do a  
little investigating on my own account  
as to the sentiment of the people re-  
garding Americans and American oc-  
cupation of the island."

"After talks with all sorts and con-  
ditions of men I formed the opinion  
that a vast majority of the citizens of  
Havana dislike us heartily, and that  
the disappearance of the United States  
flag will be to them an hour of almost  
universal rejoicing. I will hazard any  
reasonable amount of money that my  
statement is in accord with the facts.  
We are looked upon as aliens and in-  
truders, and our presence down there  
is getting more hateful to the Cubans  
every day. They have nothing in sym-  
pathy with us, there are no common  
ties, no similarity of customs, or reli-  
gion. We are distinct races, and these  
radical differences will continue perma-  
nently."

"From no source did I hear any ex-  
pression of a desire for annexation,  
and the annexation sentiment, if it does ex-  
ist, is confined to a very small minor-  
ity. The Cubans are willing to accord  
us thanks for running out the Span-  
iards, but they are eternally opposed  
to being absorbed by this country. Even  
the improvements we have made for  
them in sanitary and other matters are  
obnoxious if they imply that our oc-  
cupation is going to be prolonged."

All the authentic facts corroborate  
what Mr. Spicer says; and all the real-  
ly representative Cubans, civil and  
military, with all private citizens of  
note or standing, while they may not  
express the animosity to us attributed  
to them by Mr. Spicer, certainly con-  
cur in wanting their country for them-  
selves and their own self-government,  
with no subordination to the United  
States any more than to Spain, or any  
other power. If the Cubans have in-  
variably exhibited a steady aspiration  
for liberty they have uniformly shown  
also that they want it in independence;  
and if there is on the island a strong  
and growing suspicion, apprehension  
and dislike of us and our government,  
it is because they have grounds, in our  
conduct towards them, to distrust our  
good faith and our intention to hold  
them for our own ends, with precious  
little care for their freedom and pros-  
perity.

Why should they not suspect a gov-  
ernment and a people that seem them-  
selves the thralls of an unscrupulous  
money-power that makes everything  
secondary to its own behoof? The pow-  
ers that be jeer and scoff at the Decla-  
ration of Independence and the Fed-  
eral Constitution; they repudiate all  
American principles, profession and  
traditions; and there is no public nor  
private faith that they recognize as a  
restraint to their ruthless lust for  
power. Home apostates and domes-  
tic traitors, why shall they be ex-  
pected to act honorably and honestly  
abroad, but by compulsion?

## WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?

In brief, sound money Democrats  
must profess repentance for the past  
and amendment for the future accord-  
ing to the standard prescribed by  
Colonel Bryan. These terms indicate a  
change of heart upon the part of Col-  
onel Bryan to a very limited extent. He  
has learned that the sound money  
Democrats hold the balance of power  
in the national elections and that they  
are likely to continue to hold it for  
some time to come.—Richmond Times.

"The Sound Money Democrats," all  
in capitals, voted 134,000 strong for Pal-  
mer and Buckner in 1896; and that  
same election over 6,500,000 Democrats  
voted for Bryan and silver. But there  
are and were many other Democrats,  
some who voted for Bryan and the  
party and not for silver; many who did  
not vote at all; and some who voted  
for Hanna and McKinley. "They held  
the balance of power in 1896, and they  
hold it now!" declares the Times.  
How cleverly they hide! The Vir-  
ginian-Pilot fear the 134,000 for Pal-  
mer were detailed from Hanna's reserve  
corps of Republicans to make a show  
of strength for the billy-bummers.  
Where else did those 134,000 votes come  
from? Bryan received 6,506,835 that  
year—950,202 more ballots than Cleve-  
land got in 1892 and 906,506 than were  
cast for Cleveland in 1888. Where did  
all these Democrats come from in 1896?  
The Times must account for them, or  
"take it all back!"

## "PROSPERITY IN IRELAND."

Since the great famine in Ireland,  
emigration and other causes have re-  
duced the population about one-half;  
but notwithstanding this, the people are  
near starvation again. We learn  
the following from the official report  
of the Irish Registrar-General:

"The population touches the lowest  
figure yet officially recorded, 4,530,000,  
or nearly half that at which it stood  
just before the great famine. The area  
actually under crop in 1898, including  
cereal and clover, was 40,146 acres  
less than in 1897. Grass and pasture  
showed an increase of 1,000 acres,  
and 35,253 acres had returned to bog,  
waste and water. In some parts of the  
country, wild birds that had been  
driven away by cultivation and drain-  
age, have again made their appear-  
ance. The decrease of land under til-  
lage was 38,474 acres."

Commenting on this state of things,  
the N. Y. Sun says:

"Most notable is the decline in the  
cultivation of flax, which was 24.3 per  
cent. under the flax in 1897. In 1899 the  
area under this crop was 11,822 acres;  
in 1897 it had fallen to 45,537 acres, and  
last year to 34,469. These figures indi-  
cate the approaching disappearance of  
the native sources of the supply of raw  
material for one of Ireland's most im-  
portant industries."

"Cereals and green crops also show  
a shrinkage, while the extent of land  
in use for stock feeding and wild pas-  
ture is greater than it was ten years  
ago. Agricultural wages are very low,  
and vary from fifty cents a day with-  
out food for men, and thirty-six cents  
for women and boys in Summer, to  
thirty-six cents and less for men and  
twenty-five cents and less for women  
and boys in Winter. In Winter the  
women and very little employment in  
some districts even at those miserable  
wages, and none at all in other dis-  
tricts. In the richer parts of Ulster  
a man considers himself well paid with  
Remedies. With the best wishes for your  
success, I am, very respectfully,  
MAY CLARK,  
33 Bowdoin street, Boston.

"Neither the landlord nor the small  
tenant can be said to be bimable for  
this state of things now. For the price  
of agricultural produce does not enable  
them to pay higher wages than they  
are paying."

In answer to this sad showing of the  
condition of the people, it can, no  
doubt, be shown that the banks, rail-  
roads, and all things and everybody  
living on the people, are doing well.  
The rich are not suffering. They are  
prosperous. What does it matter about  
the people? Why, immense fortunes  
were made out of the great Irish fam-  
ine of 1846 and also that of 1880.

We beg pardon of the Landmark for  
not calling attention earlier to the er-  
ror it makes in admitting that Bryan  
still lives, but insisting that free silver  
is dead. How can that be, if they are  
one and inseparable? Our contem-  
porary must be sure, next time, that  
Bryan is also dead (though he presents  
a very lively appearance) and that "his  
works," including silver, "do follow  
him." Unfortunately, however, for the  
Bryan and silver mourners, Mr. Bryan,  
"thought dead, still speaketh," and the  
audiences that hear him with enthu-  
siastic delight attest that he is not  
only still followed by the 6,506,000 Dem-  
ocrats of 1896, but by others. And his  
speech is silver.

"Why was Col. Du Paty de Clam re-  
leased from jail just in time to escape  
being summoned as a witness before  
the court-martial at Rennes?"—Norfolk  
Landmark.

Probably "the why was that Col. Du  
Paty de Clam was released from jail  
just in time to escape being summoned  
as a witness before the court-martial  
at Rennes." The Colonel is as dumb  
as a clam; nor is there any likelihood  
that if he opened his lips he would drop  
pearls. He's not of that kind.

Vive Labor! Labor omnia vincit;  
labore et honore. Magra est veritas,  
et prevalebit. Even the dead tongue  
speaks for right and truth, and prophe-  
sies defeat, confusion and overthrow  
for perjury, forgery and all the arts  
and devices of sin!

## OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

### THE SENATORIAL RACE.

#### AGAINST THE MACHINE.

(The Danville Daily Rec.)  
The Senatorial campaign is already  
getting warm. The Bee does not care  
anything about this struggle. It only  
believes in giving fair play. The snap  
judgment tactics which the Bee's men  
resorted to is not fair play. If Mr.  
Martin is deservedly popular he should  
have no fear of leaving his case with  
the people. But he knows that he is  
the representative of the Machine  
which has sought to dominate the  
politics of Virginia. We have no political  
creed except to see that the man of the  
people is given a fair chance. \* \* \*  
We are not riproarously in favor of  
Tyler—we are just rip-roarously  
against Martin, because he is the rep-  
resentative of the Machine which has  
ruined the country, and which has  
already a dozen offices mapped out and  
tendered to be delivered years hence.  
Every liberty loving man should see to  
it that the signs of the times indicate  
anything. The Martin forces are run-  
ning a snare. The tide of public opinion  
is changing. People are asking  
themselves why Martin is trying to get  
everything in July and August when  
the election is not until November. Is  
he afraid that he is not the choice of  
the people? It would look that way to  
a man wholly disinterested, as this  
writer positively claims to be.

#### TYLER'S RECORD.

(The Roanoke Times.)  
In spite of the fact that Governor  
Tyler has repeatedly denied the state-  
ment that in 1893 he was for Martin  
for the Senate, and that his oppo-  
nents are still being rolled back and  
tongues of those who have little else  
to console themselves with. To a  
Times' representative several days ago  
the Governor stated distinctly that he  
had taken no part whatever in the  
campaign of 1893, and in the last week  
he has again made the same state-  
ment to the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot. Indeed,  
it would seem that it is about time  
that the enemies of the Governor were  
letting the matter drop, and were let-  
ting him have his record and let the  
inspection. In fact, he would prefer  
having this done.

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